

Minutes  
Human Services Advisory Board  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, October 19, 2021 6:00PM  
Via Zoom

Board Members Present: Shelby Auletta, Michelle Bailey, Donielle Diddiano, Erin Gaudet, Sydney Robinson, Alan Samet, Amanda Stevens, Jane Scully Welch

Board Members Absent: Brian Corbin, Gerry Vece

Staff Members Present: David Melillo, Marie Pinette, Carol Sanzero

Meeting called to order at 6:05PM by E. Gaudet.

Chairperson's Remarks: E. Gaudet reminded everyone of the upcoming Clinton Cares event on Sunday which will highlight mental health resources, fitness, yoga, music and raffle items.

Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting September 21, 2021: Motioned by J. Scully Welch, seconded by S. Auletta passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: D. Melillo commented that the department's Town budget is fine, as are the grants, and there will be another carryover of the SAMHSA grant to the current fiscal year.

Correspondence: 1. Commendation from CONNECTing Children and Families to Care Statewide CLAS Advisory Council after committing to six monthly meetings on equity and diversity issues. 2. Stop & Shop Bloomin' for Good Program raised \$84 for Social Services in September. 3. Clinton Cares event to be held Sunday, October 24 from 2PM-5PM at Clinton Town Beach.

Staff Update – Marie Pinette, Clinician: Noted that she is completely booked and even has a problem trying to find referrals for clients. She noted the trend of treating children at younger ages for anxiety and depression and is providing more family counseling along with individual counseling. A discussion was had regarding suicide prevention, support to schools in time of crisis, education and postvention.

Director's Report: 1. Reopening of Peer Advocate Training – two sessions have been held. 2. QPR trainings have been postponed. 3. Bullying Presentation to parents on September 23 with the PTA, David and Jill. Ten people attended - presentation went well with a discussion following.

Initial Budget Preparation for FY22-23: Budget will be worked on over the next couple of months.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40PM

Respectfully submitted by C. Sanzero